The techno-economic clearance (TEC) of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) was obtained on 8.8.1995 and the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) signed on 30.5.1996. Construction work has started on the project. First three units each of 110 MW were commissioned during 1995-96. The balance is expected to be commissioned soon.

2. JAMNAGAR

Installed Capacity : 500 MW
Executing Agency : Reliance Power Ltd.

In-principle clearance (IPC) of CEA was obtained on 1.3.1995. The Project has not yet obtained the techno-economic clearance of CEA.

3. PAGUTHAN

Installed Capacity : 655 MW
Executing Agency : Gujarat Torrent Energy Corporation Ltd.

The TEC of CEA was obtained on 25.11.1993 and the PPA signed on 3.2.1994. This project has obtained financial closure. Civil construction for all major structures started at site and the first gas turbine is expected to be commissioned before end 1997. The full plant is expected to be commissioned by 1999-2000.

Stoppage of Salaries of CEA Functionaries

1333. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the salaries of a number of functionaries of Central Electricity Authority were stopped in a very high handed manner;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government instituted any enquiry in this regard;

1 (d) if so, the findings thereof; and

(e) the steps Government propose to • take to stop such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The salaries for the month of March, 1997 of some officials holding temporary posts in Central Electricity Authority could not be released for want of sanction for continuance of these posts, as stipulated under the Rule. Sanction could not be issued in time for want of information from the CEA. However, to avoid hardship, after obtaining the approval of the competent authority the salaries of these officials were released on 3.4.1997, a day after it fell due for payment.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) The temporary posts are continued on year to year basis depending upon the work load and justifications for their continuance.

**Setting up of Central Energy Conservation Authority**

1334. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be leased to state:

(a) whether the Government have re cently decided to set up a Central Energy Conservation Authority; and

(b) if so, the need and justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) With a view to laying down standards and norms for energy consumption for equipment and